

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-14 and 21-25 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-12 and 21-25 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 19 and 20 of U. S. Patent No. 7,052,822 B2.

Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer herewith, thereby obviating the rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8, 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 7, 8 and 13-14 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 6. The obviousness-type double patenting rejection as applied to claim 6 is obviated for the reasons set forth above. Thus, claims 7, 8 and 13-14 are patentable for at least the same reasons as independent claim 6.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the claims.

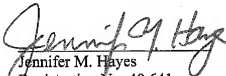
III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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